GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1293
ANSWERED ON:02.03.2000
COMPENSATION FOR TRANSPORTATION OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES
UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Railways have sought any compensation for carrying essential commodities at lower rates and for transporting freight to the North-East at subsidised rates;

(b) if so, the estimate thereof; and

(c) the loss suffered by Railways annually thereby?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) to (c): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1293 BY P UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU TO BE ANSWERED ON 2-3-2000 REGARDING COMPENSATION FOR TRANSPORT OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES.

(a) to (c). Yes, Sir. Compensation has been sought for carrying certain essential commodities at rates lower than the cost of operation. Such commodities include salt, fruits & vegetables, provisions etc. In addition, compensation is also being sought for freight traffic moved to and from the North-East region at subsidised rates .

The amount of compensation has been worked out on actual basis. Figures in this regard for the last three years are as under:

(figures in crores of Rupees)

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Loss incurred on carriage of certain essential and other commodities at concessional rates	71.55	93.95	110.17
Compensation sought for loss on carriage of goods to and from the North-East region at concessional rates	27.44	34.66	46.25(approximate)